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THE "Historical MSS." of Mr. Sparks have long been known. These papers were collected with intuitive skill and increasing ability during various tours, undertaken since 1819 for the purpose: first, in the thirteen original States; often elsewhere in his own enlarged country; three times in prolonged visits to Europe; by means also of his extensive correspondence during the years 1819-1866. These letters are arranged in sixty large volumes, with a daily index. The Journals of the tours point out the deposits of many unknown treasures; sketching scenes, characters and incidents; thus preserving information, and reproducing reminiscences of a period far more remote.

The Bound Historical Manuscripts, now the property of his son, with a conditional reversion to Harvard University, were at once placed within their own oaken cabinet, in the library of the University.

ERRATUM. — The note on BARNARD should have been enclosed in brackets.

Catalogue.

LIST OF BOUND HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS DEPOSITED IN THE LIBRARY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

[In the present list the titles and the notes are, for the most part, those endorsed upon the papers by Mr. Sparks. They are usually given in his own words, except where dates have been added, or where slight verbal changes have been made for the sake of brevity. Brackets have occasionally been used to distinguish statements for which he is not responsible.]

I. ENGLISH.

- 1 **AINSLIE, Thomas.** Journal of the most Remarkable Occurrences in the Province of Quebec from the Appearance of the Rebels in September 1775 until their Retreat of the 6th of May, 1776.
[The original MS.] From the manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843.
- 2 **BENNETT, Joseph.** Abstracted Historical Account of New-England. To which I have added the History of our Voiage there, 1740.
[The original MS.] Presented to me by William Vaughan, Esq. London, Dec. 2, 1840.
- 3 **BOARD OF TRADE.** Journal. 1766-1767.
[The Original, or a very early copy.] From the manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843.
- 4 **BERNARD.** The Papers of Sir Francis BERNARD, Governor of New Jersey, and afterwards of Massachusetts. 13 vols.
Vol. I.-VIII. Letter Books. 1758-72. New Jersey, Massachusetts.
Vol. IX-XII. Original Correspondence. 1758-79. Massachusetts.
Vol. XIII. Orders and Instructions. 1758-1761. New Jersey, Massachusetts.
With repeated signatures of George the III. and the great seal, also autographs of Wm. Pitt, and Hillsborough, memorable chiefly for his subsequent conference with Franklin. Bought in London, 1846.
These papers contain the official letters of Gov. Bernard, written from New Jersey, until he left his residence at Perth Amboy, (sailing in the "Province sloop" sent from Boston, July, 1760,)—after that from Massachusetts and from England. He was an earnest man, sufficiently so to suffer from the earnestness of others. He was not wholly insensible to the folly of the home government. While subjecting all things to their interest, he was not unconscious of the interest of her colonies, nor unwilling to share any prospect for good which might open before them. He was active in the service of the "Indian College." It should be not just here, nor there, but in the desirable location proposed for it "in our township." His suggestions were not unwise. He strongly urged the settlement of the ten townships in Maine, having plans, not too philanthropical, of transplanting there the few hundred reluctant French, still left in New England. He was eager about the settlement east of the St. Croix, the river next to the

most westerly river which enters that Bay." These lands however, ranged east, north, and west of his own grant of Mount Desert, "an island well adapted" to the making of potash. Thus it is that the relics of her noble forests must now be sought amid precipices rarely scaled. The Governor forfeited his American estates. His son, however, remained on hand in Maine, and eventually shared with Mme. de Gregoire the unoccupied land of that silent Acadia.

The Province of Massachusetts had long been a thorn in the side of Great Britain. She called for armies, and their success bore spoils exclusively to her own feet which passed all her expectations. She demanded profit. Why not with the same result? Certainly not an unprofitable, Massachusetts was not a comfortable colony.

Insubordination, confusion, alarm, are the successive complaints of these interesting letters. The Governor suggested troops. The letter arrived for a regiment to be ordered from Halifax. Such was the effort of England. Sir Francis writes: "Gen. Gage, who knows my situation, when death is publicly denounced against those who are concerned in bringing troops here, is so kind as to conceal the contents of the dispatches from me. One regiment will be enough for safety, but not enough to awe the town." June 25, 1768, he is "anxious about Castle William" (afterwards Fort Independence, now Fort Warren), but relieved by Com. Hood [see three Portraits, No. 2107.] There are now about the Castle [see engraving in Views and Designs] one 50-gun ship, two sloops of 16 guns each, and two armed cutters." "I have been much persuaded to go to the Castle when the troops shall arrive. I do not choose to show a want of resolution; *a short time will shew whether Boston is to belong to Great Britain or not.*" Aug. 8, however, he writes from "Jamaica Farm." "I am charged with leaving the town when the troops arrived. At that time I resided at my house in Roxbury, four miles from Boston. I was at the Castle before the ships had all come to anchor, and every morning before ten o'clock." (It seems he had not remembered to give the officers the expected dinner.) "We have determined to remove the troops to Boston." Aug. 20-23, the attempted "*distribution of stamps*" was followed by the attack on Hutchinson's house. The Governor now dates from Castle William, Sept. 18, '68, *he suggests the prorogation of the Assembly to Salem*, doubts not his own power, but requests an order from London. "I am wholly at the mercy of the mob. I have no place of safety to resort to but this fort, with a weak garrison. Here, I have got my wife and younger children."

After his return to Pall Mall, however, there is still for the governor a "bitter disappointment." His son omitted to forward from America two casks, ordered by Lady Bernard, of cranberries. "The house full of guests, and no fruit in season for pyes."

5 CHALMERS. American Papers. 1793-1805. 2 vols.

From the manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843. [A collection of original papers, copies, and notes, relating to America, but chiefly to the British colonies.]

6 CHALMERS. Annals of the United Colonies, Part Second.

Copied from the original manuscript. A continuation of Chalmers's "Political Annals of the United Colonies." The "First Part" was published in 1780. There is a preface written by Mr. Sparks in the Boston edition (published in 1845 from a printed copy, suppressed in 1782) of Chalmers's Introduction to the "History of the Revolt." "I have endeavored to state the character of Chalmers's writings on the colonies, and the principles and points which he aims to establish." — *Journal of J. S.* Dec. 1844.

7 CHALMERS. Letter to Lord Mansfield, on the History of the American Colonies; by George Chalmers. Written in 1780.

Copied from the original manuscript in the handwriting of Chalmers, 1846. The following memorandum is at the beginning of the Manuscript in Chalmers's handwriting: "This Letter to Lord Mansfield was really sent to his Lordship as a letter; and it was read by his Lordship, who said *that he would warrant the truth of it.*"

8 CHALMERS. Notes and Extracts; relating to Maryland and Virginia. 1727-61.

In the handwriting of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843.

9 CHALMERS. Papers, relating to Massachusetts and Plymouth.

From the manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843.

Letters of Governor SHARPE and others : chiefly concerning the American Revolution.

Copied from the originals, in the Office of the Secretary of State of Maryland, 1843.

Also : Letters from John BARCLAY, 1782, Ch. Pinckney's Speech in Congress, Aug. 16, 1786 (printed), and a State of the Emissions of Paper Money by Congress, 1780.

- 10 CHALMERS. Papers relating to New England. 1635-86. 4 vols.

From the manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843. [Mostly copies and memoranda in Chalmers's handwriting.]

- 11 CHALMERS. Papers relating to New Jersey. 1683-1775.

From the manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843. [Original papers, and copies and memoranda in the handwriting of Chalmers.]

- 12 CLINTON, G., and others. Selections from the Manuscript Papers of Gov. George CLINTON (1775-83), Genl. WASHINGTON (relating to Paul Jones), and Genl. LINCOLN (1777-83).

- 13 CLINTON, H. Correspondence between Sir Henry CLINTON and Gen. HALDIMAND, etc. 1779-81.

Relating principally to the affairs of Vermont, the Indians, and events in the West, and Canada. Copied from the originals in the London Institution, from the papers of Sir Guy Carleton.

- 14 CLINTON. Notes on Stedman's History of the American War.

Transcribed from a copy of Stedman's "History of the War," in the Library of Mr. Brown, of Providence, in which they are written in the margin, in the handwriting of Sir Henry Clinton, with the initial "C." at the end of each note. March, 1846.

- 15 DELAWARE, etc. 1. Papers from the Public Offices in Delaware, selected in June, 1826.

2. From the Papers of Baron STEUBEN in the New York Historical Society's Library, selected in 1827.

3. Fourteen Letters from George READ to Caesar A. Rodney, 1774-79.

The originals in the possession of Caesar A. Rodney.

4. Further Selections from the Papers of Baron STEUBEN.

[In French.] Lent to me by Governor De Witt Clinton, in 1827, and since deposited in the Library of the New York Historical Society.

- 16 FRANKLIN. Letters to Benjamin Franklin, from various Persons.

Copied from the originals, while they were in my hands for writing the Life of Franklin. 1843.

- 17 FRANKLIN. 1. Memorial by Franklin and Samuel Wharton concerning a Grant of Western Lands. 1780.

2. Letter from Richard BIDDLE concerning Franklin's Writings. 1834.

- 18 FRANKLIN. Notes and Memoranda, used in writing a Continuation of Franklin's Life ; and in preparing an edition of his Works. 1836-40.

1. Particulars concerning Franklin's Family. 2. Notes used in writing a Continuation of the Life of Franklin. 3. Notes for a Preface to Franklin's Works.

4. First Sketches of an Arrangement of Franklin's Writings for an Edition of his Works.

- 19 FRANKLIN. 1. Papers relating chiefly to Franklin.

Papers sent to me by Wm. C. Folger, of Nantucket. Used in writing the Life

of Franklin, 1839. — Mr. FISHER's Letters, &c. — Papers copied from the originals in possession of Thos. J. Wharton, Philadelphia. Sept. 1837. — Papers, copied from Manuscripts in the Library of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. Sept. 1837. — Papers copied from the Philadelphia Newspapers. — Dialogue, doubtless the piece alluded to by Franklin, in his Autobiography, speaking of Hemphill, "I wrote for him two or three pamphlets, and a piece in the Gazette of April, 1735."

2. Papers relating to the WASHINGTON FAMILY.

Copied chiefly from the County Histories, in the London Institution, Moorfields, 1829. Used in writing the Life of Washington.

20 1. FRANKLIN.

In the Athenæum of Philadelphia are the volumes of pamphlets, which formerly belonged to Dr. Franklin. Among them are six pamphlets which contain marginal notes in his own handwriting. This volume contains the titles of the pamphlets, Dr. Franklin's notes, and the passages of the pamphlets on which he remarks. Copied in 1829, under the care of Mr. John Vaughan.

2. SULLIVAN. 1775-88.

Selection from the papers of General Sullivan, now in possession of his grandson, Dr. Steele, of Durham, N. H., who put them into my hands. They have since been deposited in the Athenæum at Portsmouth. Selected in 1827.

3. TRUMBULL's Papers. 1775-78.

21 FRAZER. Letters from Persifer Frazer, an Officer in the Army of the Revolution. 1776-1778.

Copied from the originals in Philadelphia, 1844.

22 GATES, *etc.*

1. Selection from Gen. GATES's Papers in the Library of the New York Historical Society. Selected 1827.

2. Papers from the Public Offices in Mass^{ts}. '75.

3. Major WEMYSS's Papers—Sketches of the Characters of the General Staff Officers and Heads of Departments of the British Army (the Northern Army excepted); and two other papers, relating to Cornwallis.

Copied from the MS. papers of Major (afterwards Lieut.-Col.) Wemyss (a British officer), who served with distinction during the war, particularly in South Carolina. He died at an advanced age in New York, in 1833 or 1834, and his papers were left in charge of the Rev. Wm. Ware, of that city.

4. A Diary Kept by Lieut. Obadiah GORE, in Major-Gen. SULLIVAN's March to Genessee River, in 1778.

23 GRANTHAM. England and Spain. Correspondence of Lord Grantham, British Ambassador in Spain. 1776-79. 2 vols.

Copied from the originals in the State Paper Office, London, 1857.

24 HAMILTON, Alexander. Official Letters, as Secretary of the Treasury, to Wm. Short, 1789-95.

Copied from the originals left me by Mr. Short, in Philadelphia, 1831. — Also Miscellaneous Letters, 1784-99, including Washington's to Madison, copied by me from the originals, April, 1830, at Mr. Madison's house at Montpelier.

25 KNOX. Selections from the Papers of Gen. Henry KNOX, Gov. Samuel WARD, Gen. Charles LEE, Captain KIRKWOOD, Samuel HARRIS, Silas DEANE. Relating chiefly to the Revolution. 1765-80.

Copied from the originals, 1845.

26 LEE. Letters from Gen. Charles Lee to his Sister. 1756-81.

The thirty-four letters to his sister, Miss Sidney Lee, were copied from the originals in England, and sent to me by Sir Henry Bunbury, 1845. [The volume contains two other letters of Lee and several relating to him.]

- 27 **LEISLER.** A Modest and Impartial Narrative of the Great Oppressions That the Inhabitants of Their Majesties Province of New-York Lye under By the Extravagant and Arbitrary Proceedings of Jacob Leysler and his Accomplices. *Printed at New York and Reprinted at London.* 1690.
 "Copied from a pamphlet in the British Museum, 1843. Written by a violent enemy to Leisler; neither just, candid, nor impartial." — J. S.
Bound with this is: Copy of an Act of Parliament for reversing the attainder of Jacob Leisler and others. 1696.
And: Copy of a letter which Captain Leisler wrote to King William.
- "Mentioned in Smith's 'New York,' pp. 59, 60. For an account of the affair and an extract of a letter from Capt. Leisler to the Gov. of Massachusetts, see Hutchinson's 'Massachusetts,' I. 392, 393." — C. F. H.
- 28 **MAPS.** Plans of General Braddock's March, and of the Battle of the Monongahela. — Early French Maps of Canada, Louisiana, and Mexico. — Plan of the Battle of Bennington.
 [The last is MS.; the others printed. See Washington's MS. sketch of Cumberland, and the road which Braddock refused to follow.]
- 29 **MARYLAND and NEW YORK.** Selection from Papers in the Public Offices.
 New York papers examined at Albany, October, 1826. Maryland papers selected in June, 1826.
- 30 **MISCELLANEOUS Manuscripts.** 1582-1713.
1. Relation of Dayd INGRAM of things w^{ch} he did see in Travelinge by lande for [from?] the moste northerlie pte of the Baye of Mexico throughe a greate pte of Ameryca untill w^{thin} fivety leagues of Cape Britton. 1582.
 Many parts of this narrative are incredible, so much so as to throw a distrust over the whole; yet it is not improbable that the two sailors passed through the interior of the country, and found a French vessel somewhere on the coast of the St. Lawrence. See Hakluyt's Voyages, Vol. III. p. 487. [Published in P. C. Weston's privately printed "Documents," pp. 5-24.]
 2. Inducements to a Voyage to America.
 3. Affairs in Virginia, 1622; in answer to Capt. Nath. Butler.
 4. Journal of Thomas BATTS and two others, from Virginia beyond the Apalachian Mountains. 1671.
 5. John MITCHELL's Remarks on this Journal.
 6. Abstract of the Laws of New England.
 7. Relation concerning the Estate of New England; about 1637.
 8. Charles LODWICK's Account of New York. 1692.
- The above papers were copied from the originals in the British Museum, 1841.
- 31 **MISCELLANEOUS Papers.** *Unbound.*
- 32 **MISCELLANEOUS Particulars, and Copies from Manuscripts** examined in London and Paris, 1828-29. 1778-98. 2 vols.
 Vol. I. European, Vol. II. American.
 The extracts translated from the correspondence of Vergennes, Gérard, and Luzerne are taken from the originals in the public offices in Paris. Other extracts are from the originals in the public offices in London. Many of the particulars concerning the war were communicated to me by Lafayette at La Grange, Nov. 1828.
- 33 **MISCELLANIES.**
 A commonplace book of Mr. Sparks's.

- 34 MORRIS. Papers of Gouverneur Morris, being Letters and Extracts from his Diary.

Copied from the originals. Used in writing his life.

- 35 NEW HAMPSHIRE. Selection from the Papers in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Selected in October, 1826.

- 36 NEW JERSEY, *etc.* Selection from the Papers in the Public Offices of New Jersey, 1777-85 (selected in June 1826), North Carolina, 1764-79, and South Carolina, 1768-83 (selected in May, 1826).

- 37 NEW YORK. Extracts from the Journals of the New York Provincial Congress and Conventions, from 1775 to 1778.

Copied from the originals in the Secretary's Office, Albany, April, 1831. These are to be taken in connection with another set of extracts copied from the same Journals, and which are bound with my papers, in a volume lettered, "New York—Maryland" [No. 30].

- 38 NEW YORK and VIRGINIA Papers. 1740-76.

Copied from the originals now in the possession of Col. Thos. Aspinwall, London (1845), formerly belonging to George Chalmers.

1. Letters from De Lancey, Smith, Livingston, Watts, and others, to General Moncton, Governor of New York; relating to Affairs between 1760 & 1770.

Moncton was at this time in England. His place in the government was supplied by Lieutenant-Governor Colden. The writers of the letters were mostly members of the Council. Moncton resigned in 1765, and was succeeded by Sir Henry Moore.

2. Correspondence concerning Lord Dunmore's Operations in Virginia. 1775, 1776.

- 39 NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY. 1. Papers from the N. Y. Historical Society, relating to the Revolution, viz., those of Lord STERLING, Col. STEWART, Col. McLANE, Wm. DUER, and others.

Selected in October, 1826.

2. Selection from Gen. GATES's Papers.

3. Selection from Gen. STARK's Papers.

Copied from the originals furnished by his son, Major Stark, August, 1827.

4. Correspondence between John ADAMS and Roger SHERMAN on the Constitution of the United States.

The original letters are in the possession of Mr. Baldwin of Albany, a grandson of Roger Sherman. Copied, Albany, Oct. 6th, 1826.

- 40 PEACE OF 1783. 1. The Entire Correspondence of Mr. OSWALD, in the Negotiation of the Peace of 1782 with the American Commissioners in Paris.

Copied from a manuscript volume in the possession of the Marquis of Lansdowne London, February, 1829.

2. Correspondence of Mr. GRENVILLE and FITZHERBERT.

Copied from the originals in the office of Foreign Affairs in London.

- 41 POLLOCK. Correspondence of Oliver Pollock at New Orleans, 1776-82; and other Papers relating to the Revolution, including Copies from Col. Bland's Papers, 1777-82; also Miscellaneous Papers, one of which is a letter of "Lafayette, while in Prison at Magdeburg, 15 Mars, 1793."

Pollock's letters copied from the originals in the Department of State at Washington, 1854.

42 QUEBEC. 1. Journal of the Siege of Quebec, 1775.

[Original. See MS. map, Maps, No. 79.]

2. Narrative of Facts relative to American Affairs. [1768.]

[Printed. Endorsed in a contemporary hand, "This paper is giv [torn] in your Secrecy — I [?] torn] desire that you will [torn] any person whatever."]

From the manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843.

43 REVOLUTIONARY PAPERS. British Papers relating to the American Revolution. 4 vols.

Vol. I. 1764-1774. New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York.

Copied from the originals in the State Paper Office, London; selected by me in August, 1840.

Vol. II. 1764-74. New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia.

Selected in September and October, 1840.

Vol. III. 1764-75. Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Military. State Paper Office, Sept. and Oct. 1840.

Also, Commissions and Instructions to Governors.

Copied from the Records in the Privy Council Office, London; selected by me in August, 1840.

Vol. IV. The same. 1763-1774. British Papers, etc. copied from the originals in the Board of Trade (Old Plantation Office); selected by me in August and September, 1840. Also, Miscellaneous Papers, relating to the Colonial History. Miscellaneous Papers, etc. copied from the originals (or Records), in the British Museum, and in the possession of Sir Thomas Phillips, Worcestershire; selected by me, 1840.

44 REVOLUTION. 1. Letters relating to the Stamp Act.

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia.

2. COLONIAL PAPERS.

Minutes taken in the Board of Trade, Oct. 1840, 1763-67; Commissions, Instructions, and Grants, 1670 (copied from the Harleian MSS.); Proceedings of the Committee of Trade and Plantations on the Subject of making Void the Charter of Massachusetts Bay, 1677-78 (copied from the "Journal of Trade and Plantations" in the possession of Sir Thomas Phillips, Nov. 15, 1840); A Representation of the Commissioners of Trade, etc. on the State of the Colonies 1721 (MS. King's Library, 192, p. 1); Scheme of Government for the West Indies; apparently a Supplement to the preceding paper. (By West Indies is here meant all the American Colonies. MS. King's Library, 192, p. 972); Journal of Braddock's Expedition (MS. King's Library, 199); Petition to the King, concerning Paper Money in the Colonies, probably about 1760 (MS. Sir T. Phillips, Nov. 1840); Project of a Bill for uniting the Proprietary and Charter Governments to the Crown, probably about 1696 (*ibid.*); Petition to the Queen, 1706, concerning the Proprietary and Charter Governments (*ibid.*).

45 REVOLUTION. British Papers relating to the American Revolution; selected from the Correspondence of the British Commanders-in-Chief. 1775-83. 2 vols.

Sir Guy CARLETON, afterwards Lord Dorchester, was the last commander-in-chief of the British Army in America, during the American Revolution. The official papers of his predecessors, Sir William HOWE and Sir Henry CLINTON, came into his possession when he took the command. These, with his own papers, were taken by him to England at the time of the Peace. After his death they fell into the hands of another person (Mr. Simmons, his secretary), who presented them to the Royal Institution in London. I examined them all in November, 1840, and made the following selection. The originals are comprised in more than forty volumes.

Judge Mar-hall considers the speech of Sir Guy Carleton to the Indians a forgery. Mr. Wm. Smith of Quebec wrote to me: "I passed several days with his Lordship. He told me 26 Oct. 1803, that he made his speech in Feb. 1794 out of his own spontaneity; that he received no orders from government." — *Journal of J. S.*

46 REVOLUTION. Dates of the Principal Events during the Revolution.

Taken principally from original letters, and other manuscript papers written at the time.

47 **REVOLUTION.** Diaries and Letters relating to the Revolution. 1773-1778.

Extracts from an original Diary by Thos. Newell. Boston, 1773, 1774. — Extracts copied from Capt. Benj. Warren's Diary, Saratoga and Cherry Valley, 1774-78; lent me by Mr. Doggett of New York. — W. Whipple to J. Brackett, 1776. — Battle of Rhode Island; a letter dated Providence, 16th Sept. '78, from James Lanman. — Letters, etc. copied from Gen. Glover's Papers; furnished to me by Col. Swett. — Biographical Sketch of Captain Eliakim Littell. Copied from the originals.

48 **REVOLUTION.** Journals and Papers relating to the Revolution.

Collected from various sources, 1845.

1. Journal kept by Margaret MORRIS, residing at Burlington, N. J., Dec. 1776.
 2. Journal of a Campaign from Philadelphia to Paulus Hook by the late Algernon ROBERTS, Lower Merion Township, Montgomery.
 3. Battle of Long Island.
 4. Notes used in writing the Life of Arnold.
 5. Gen. GREENE'S Letter on the Battle of Bunker's Hill.
 6. Resolves concerning Hutchinson's Letters. In Council. June 25, 1773.
 7. Proposal in R. Island for a Continental Navy, August, A. D. 1775.
 8. Letter from Gov. FRANKLIN to the Earl of Dartmouth. Perthamboy, January 5, 1776.
 9. Robt. MORRIS'S Letter on the Declaration of Independence. July 20th, 1776.
 10. WASHINGTON'S Letter to Gen. Hazen concerning Capt. Asgill, 5th June, 1782.
 11. Contents of a Volume of Rolls of the Virginia Line of the Continental Army, collected by Mr. Hall.
 12. CAMPBELL and SHELBY'S Account of the Battle of King's Mountain, Oct. 7, 1780.
 13. Battle of the Monongahela. A List of the Officers who were present, and of those killed and wounded, July 9, 1755.
- 49 **REVOLUTION.** Miscellaneous Papers. Relating chiefly to the Revolution. 3 vols.

Collected from various sources. 1843.

Vol. I. 1. B. CHURCH'S Statement of his Trial, Oct. 1775.

A true copy from the original, by Sam. Eliot, Junr.

2. Col. John E. HOWARD'S Account of the Battle of Germantown.

Given me by Col. Howard, 1827.

3. Col. Rob. TROUP'S Account of Conway's Cabal.

Given me by Col. Troup, with whom I conversed on the subject of it.

4. Report of a Committee concerning Deane and A. Lee.

5. American Annals; or Hints and Queries for Parleмент Men, 1775.

Printed at the private press of George Allan at Darlington. Presented to me by O. Rich, in London, 1840.

6. ARMSTRONG'S Letters [to Mr. Sparks] concerning the Northern Campaign, 1777.

7. Copies of the Newburg Addresses.

Furnished to me by the author of them, Gen. John Armstrong, Jan. 1837.

8. Notes on Kosciuszko, by Gen. ARMSTRONG, Aug. 1837.

9. Gen. Geo. CLINTON's Reasons against evacuating New York, 1776.

A copy furnished by Gen. Armstrong.

10. John Dickinson's Draft of Instructions to the Commissioners in Europe, 1779.

[Original.] Apparently not adopted.

11. Curious Letter to Dr. Franklin at Passy relating to a Proposed Reconciliation between England & the U. States, 1779.

Copied [by Mr. Sparks] from the originals in the Archives des Affaires Étrangères, Paris, 1829. Dr. Franklin attached some degree of importance to these papers, because he believed them to have been seen and approved by the British ministry. His answer (Diplomatic Corr. of the Revolution, III. 45; Franklin's Works, VIII. 278) is one of the most remarkable of his compositions.

12. Articles copied from the Philadelphia newspapers, relating to public affairs, 1779-81, some of them written by Gouverneur Morris.

13. Papers relating to Arnold and André.

[Originals and copies.] Used in writing the Life of Arnold.

14. Correspondence of Count de GRASSE, 1782-83.

[In French.] Transmitted to me by Lafayette.

15. Count de ARANDA's Letter to the King of Spain on the Independence of the American Colonies, 1783. Curious.

[In Spanish, with an English translation by M. de Wallenstein.] Procured for me in the Spanish Office at Madrid, by A. H. Everett. A French translation in the French edition of Coxe's History of the Bourbons, Paris, 1827. There is good reason to believe that the above paper was not written by Count d'Aranda.

16. LUZERNE's Memorial to Congress, 1779, respecting a plan of commerce.

17. Memoranda of Papers copied in Various Public Offices, examined by me, 1826.

18. Memoranda of Papers in the Archives des Affaires Étrangères, Paris, examined in 1828.

19. Biographical Memoranda of John JAY, and copies of two letters.

19a. Copy of a letter of J. ADAMS, Sept. 13, 1783.

20. Hamilton's Speech and Correspondence.

The Letters copied from the originals in the Treasury Department, Washington, 1830. The office has since been burned and the originals destroyed.

21. Correspondence between John Quincy ADAMS and Charles PINKNEY respecting the Draft of the Constitution, 1818.

Copied from the originals in the Department of State, at Washington.

Vol. II. 1. Autographs before and during the Revolution till 1775.

2. Papers relating to the Affair at Ticonderoga, 1777.

[Probably the same that were used at Gen. St. Clair's court-martial, in which Mr. Sparks, who saw the General at Havre de Grace, with Moreau, took a great interest. Copies. The map then used is among the maps in Mr. Sparks's Library. See p. 209.]

3. Autographs, 1777-82.

4. A Report of a Committee of Convention, of a Form of Government for the State of Massachusetts Bay. [Printed.] N. P. [Dec. 1777.] 8° pp. 8.

Vol. III. 1. Autographs, 1778, 1779.

2. Various Statements concerning Continental Money.

3. Autographs, 1779-83.

50 REVOLUTION. Letters and other Papers.

Copied from the originals in the office of the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania. 1826.

[A large number of the portraits of actors mentioned in these papers, British as well as American, will be found in the collection of portraits, No. 2107.]

The battle-fields are also largely illustrated by the maps as well as views (No. 2716) of places or of houses.]

51 REVOLUTION. Memoranda, Historical.

Chiefly relating to the Revolution.

52 REVOLUTION. Miscellaneous Papers. 3 vols.

Collected from various sources.

Vol. I. 1. DUBOURG's Letter to Franklin, June 1776.

2. Selections from the Papers of Silas DEANE, 1776-85.

Copied from originals in the possession of his son.

3. Letters from John ADAMS and the Commissioners in Paris, 1778-83.

Copied from Adams's Letter Books.

4. Letter from RAYNEVAL to Monroe, and Extracts from Rayneval's Correspondence.

Copied at Mr. Madison's, April, 1830. I have since seen the whole of Rayneval's Correspondence in the Public Archives in Paris. See large extracts in my French Papers.

5. Matthew RIDLEY's Letters and Journal. 1782-83.

Containing many errors and false suspicions respecting men and things in Paris (particularly Dr. Franklin), as may be seen by my French MSS. relating to that time, and also Franklin's "Life and Writings."

6. Count d'ESTAING's Correspondence.

Copied from the originals in the Marine Department, Paris, 1841.

Vol. II. 1. ARNOLD's Expedition to Canada.

The original in possession of Judge Edwards of New York. This copy given me by R. R. Ward, Feb. 1831. [Arnold's original manuscript map of Quebec and his operations, etc., is among the Maps, No. 79.]

2. ARNOLD's Letters, 1775-80.

3. Report concerning the Highlands and Ticonderoga, Nov. 1775.

[See "view" of his headquarters at Beverly House, and various MS. Maps.

4. Canada Expedition.

Copied from MSS. in the Amer. Phil. Soc., Philadelphia, Feb. 1831.

5. Letters from Gen. GREENE and others.

6. Life of Gen. Morgan.

7. Correspondence between Beverly ROBINSON and Ethan ALLEN, 1780-81.

8. Selections from John LANGDON's Papers, 1774-83.

The originals in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Elwyn, of Philadelphia. Examined Jan. 1831.

9. Records of Councils of War, copied from Washington's Papers, 1775-81.

Vol. III. 1. Wm. S. JOHNSON's Letters, 1753-70.

Copied from papers now in possession of Wm. S. Johnson of New York, March, 1831.

2. William LIVINGSTON's Letters, 1776-77.

From papers of Theodore Sedgwick, Jr., New York, June, 1832.

3. Charles LEE's Letters, 1776-80.
4. Gen. CONWAY's Letters, 1777-78.
5. Account of Baron Steuben.
6. Letters from LAFAYETTE to Congress, 1777-82.
7. Destruction of the Tea; Information of Hugh WILLIAMSON.

See Letters on the subject in Gov. Bernard's papers, dated from Castle William.

8. Memoranda taken from Papers in the State House, Mass.
9. Report concerning Fort Montgomery, 1777.
10. REED and ELWYN's Account of the Battle of the Brandywine.

[See the MSS. maps of this battle, No. 79.]

11. Plan of Operations for 1778.

From a paper in Washington's handwriting.

12. Operations at Newport, 1778.

[See the definite detail in the maps of R. I. and vicinity, No. 79.]

13. D'ESTAING's Letter to Congress, 1778.

14. GOUVR. MORRIS's Letters.

15. British Attack upon N. Haven, 1779.

16. Hamilton and Dr. Gordon, 1779.

17. Combined Operations, 1780.

- 53 REVOLUTION. Miscellaneous Papers; relating chiefly to the Revolution, 1752-79.

[The original papers.] From the Manuscripts of George Chalmers. Bought in London, 1843.

1. Salaries of Colonial Officers, 1752.

2. A Review of the Conduct of the Minority.

3. Considerations on America's being dismembered from the British Empire.

4. Major MORRIS's Account of the Affair at Trenton, 1776.

5. Meetings in London concerning the Loyalists, 1779.

- 54 REVOLUTION. Miscellaneous Papers relating to the Revolution, 1777-1782.

1. Journal of a British Officer in General Howe's Army, 1777.

Copied from the original.

2. Papers relating to the Northern Campaign in 1777.

3. Letters, etc., copied from the Manuscript Papers of General William IRVINE.

Sent to me by Mr. W. A. Irvine, of Pennsylvania; 1847.

4. Letters, etc., copied from the originals among the Papers of Arthur LEE, deposited in the Library of Harvard College, 1856.

- 55 REVOLUTION. Papers relating to the Attempted Negotiations between England & the United States, during the War of the Revolution, 1776-79.

Copied from the originals in the State Paper Office, London, under the direction of Mr. John G. Pultrey, 1856.

Inserted, but not bound in this volume, are "Notes in the handwriting of Henry Strachey [1776], Secretary, &c., &c., in the possession of George H. Moore."

- 56 REVOLUTION. Selections and Memoranda made in the Public Offices of London and Paris, and in the British Museum, 1840-41.

- 57 REVOLUTION. Selections from the Manuscript Papers of General LINCOLN (1779-87), General WASHINGTON (1777-81), Dr. FRANKLIN (1776-82), and others, and Letters from John BARTRAM to Jared Eliot (N. D., and 1752-62); also papers on colonial trade, 1733-48.
- 58 REVOLUTION. Selections from the Military Correspondence during the American Revolution.
Copied from the original papers in the State Paper Office. London, Jan., Feb., March, 1829.
- 59 RHODE ISLAND and GEORGIA. Selection from Papers in the Public Offices.
Rhode Island selected, Sept. 1826. Georgia selected, May, 1826.
- 60 SCHUYLER, *etc.* 1. Selections from General (Philip) SCHUYLER's Papers, 1775-81.
2. From Colonel (Peter) GANSEVOORT's Papers, 1777, *etc.*
3. Papers in the Public Offices of Mass^{ts}, concerning the Affairs at Ticonderoga, 1775.
4. From an Orderly-Book, kept by Col. Ruggles WOODBRIDGE, of Hadley, Mass., 1776.
5. From Peter Van SHAACK's Papers, relating to the Loyalists. Written in London.
6. Major Wm. CROGHAN's Journal, 1780.
- 61 STORMONT. England and France. Correspondence of Lord STORMONT, British Ambassador in France. 1776-78. 2 vols.
Copied from the originals in the State Paper Office, London, 1857.
- 62 THOMSON. Selection from the Papers of Charles THOMSON (1765-93).
Selected in March, 1828, from papers in possession of his nephew, Mr. John Thomson, resident in Newark, Delaware. *Contents:* Biographical Notes of C. Thomson, by John F. WATSON; Observations on Mr. Reed's notes delivered to W. H. D[ar]rington concerning John Dickinson; Resolutions of the merchants in Philadelphia; Letters of THOMSON, WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN, DICKINSON, JEFFERSON, JAY, *etc.*
- 63 WASHINGTON's Addresses. 1782-97.
Copied from the records among Washington's papers.
- 64 WASHINGTON's Cabinet Papers; 1789-96. 2 vols.
Copied from the originals.
- 65 WASHINGTON. Letters to various Persons, 1754-89. 5 vols.
Copied from the originals while they were in my possession. Not printed in "Washington's Writings."
- 66 WASHINGTON. Letters to George Washington, 1775-99. 2 vols.
Copied from the originals.
- 67 WASHINGTON. Letters to George Washington, 1777-83.
Copied from the originals.
- 68 WASHINGTON and the French War. 1. Curious Diplomatic Papers relating to the Origin of the War of 1756.
Copied from original papers in the possession of the Marquis of Lansdowne, London, March, 1829.
2. Operations on the Frontier of Virginia, 1754, 1755.
Selections copied from the Papers in the office of the Board of Trade, London, March, 1829.
3. Operations in Virginia, 1754-57.

Extracts from Governor DINWIDDIE's Letter-Books, now in possession of J. Hamilton, Cumberland Place, London, March 19, 1829.

4. Affairs in North Carolina, 1765-70.

Extracts from Governor TRYON's Letter-Books, now in possession of O. Rich, London, March 19, 1829.

5. Account of the Siege of Worcester, 1646, in which Sir Henry Washington was distinguished.

Copied from Nash's "History of Worcestershire," Vol. II., Appendix.

69 WASHINGTON to Lafayette. 1777-98.

I received this volume from General Lafayette, December 25th, 1830. It consists entirely of letters from General Washington to General Lafayette, between the years 1777 and 1798. Copied under the direction of Lafayette at La Grange.

70 VERMONT. Papers relating to the Intercourse between the Inhabitants of Vermont and the British Authorities in Canada. 1780-82. Also, concerning Military Operations in the West.

Copied from the originals in the Royal Institution, London, 1844.

71 VIRGINIA. Selection from the Papers in the Council Chamber, in Virginia. 1773-96.

Selected in May, 1826.

72 YORKE. England and Holland. Letters and Extracts from the Correspondence of Sir Joseph YORKE in Holland. Jan. 1776-Dec. 1780.

[Copied from the originals in the State Paper Office, London, 1857?]

II. FRENCH.

73 AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Correspondence chiefly between the French and Spanish Ministers, concerning the American Revolution. 1776-78.

Copied from the [French] originals in the Archives des Affaires Étrangères, Paris. This volume consists of duplicates of copies in the 1st and 2d volumes of my "French Manuscripts" [No. 80].

74 DUMAS. Correspondence of Charles W. F. Dumas, Official Agent for the United States in Holland during the Revolution. 1777-1783.

[French.] Copied from the originals in the Department of State.

75 FAVIER, Jean Louis. Letters, Memoirs and Considerations, on the American War. 1778-80.

Copied from the originals in the Archives des Affaires Étrangères, Paris, 1831. The last paper, pp. 26-146, is "Considérations sur l'origine, la suite, la conduite, la succès, et le résultat le plus apparent de la guerre présente," which, says Mr. Sparks, "written with ability, contains many fallacies and erroneous conjectures."

76 FRANCY, — DE. Letters to Caron Beaumarchais. 1778-79.

Copied from the originals in the possession of Beaumarchais' descendants. Paris, 1856.

Francy was an agent for settling Beaumarchais' accounts in the United States.

[Concerning Beaumarchais' claims, much remains in the handwriting of Mr. Sparks.]

77 FREDERIC the Great, K. of Prussia. Correspondence with his Ambassadors in London and Paris, on American Affairs, 1776.

These copies were procured for me from the Public Offices in Berlin, by Mr. Henry Wheaton, the American Minister at that Court, 1844. They are preceded by Mr. WHEATON's Correspondence with Baron Bülow.

78 FRENCH Papers on the American Revolution.

This volume consists of Papers selected by me in the Archives de la Guerre, and the Archives des Affaires Étrangères, in Paris, 1828.

- 79 FRENCH Papers relating to the American Colonies, 1766-1769.
Copied from the originals in the Archives des Affaires Étrangères in Paris, and sent to me by Mr. DE WITT, 1858. [Mr. DE WITT is son-in-law of M. Guizot's, and has since published a Life of Th. Jefferson.]
- 80 FRENCH Papers, relating to the American Revolution. 1776-82. 6 vols.
Copied from the originals in the Archives des Affaires Étrangères in Paris. Selected partly by M. Bulos, in 1831-33, partly by me in 1840-41.
- 81 GERARD. Papers of M. GERARD, French Minister in the United States. 1778, 1779.
Copied from the originals in the Department of State at Washington; translated and printed in the 10th vol. of the Diplomatic Correspondence.
- 82 HOLLAND. Correspondence between Count de VERGENNES and the French Minister in Holland, respecting the Affairs of the American Revolution. 1776-82. Also: Extracts from Three Letters to the French Ambassador in Russia, in 1781.
Copied from the originals in the Archives des Affaires Étrangères, in Paris, partly in the year 1832, and partly in 1841.
- 83 HOLLAND. Correspondence [translated] between the Abbé DESNOYERS and Count de VERGENNES, and other papers, relating to the American Revolution and the attitude of Holland. 1776-81.
Unbound MSS.
- 84 LAFAYETTE. Copies of Letters from Lafayette to Washington, and to other Persons, during the American Revolution. In French, some in English.
Sent to me by Lafayette, 1829.
- 85 LAFAYETTE. Correspondence and Papers, in French, relating to the American and French Revolutions. 1777-92.
These copies were sent to me by General Lafayette in the year 1829. The remarks prefixed to each part, and the marginal notes, were dictated by Lafayette.
- 86 LAFAYETTE'S Papers. 1776-1815.
These copies [in French] were sent to me by General Lafayette in the year 1829.
- 87 LAFAYETTE. Letters from General Lafayette to General Washington; during the American Revolution.
These copies were sent to me by General Lafayette, 1832.
- 88 LAFAYETTE. Letters from Lafayette to Washington. 1782-92.
Copied from the originals, and sent to me by Geo. W. Lafayette.
- 89 LAFAYETTE. Letters from, to, and about Lafayette. 1792 to 1799.
Copied from the originals.
- 90 LA LUZERNE. Papers of M. de la Luzerne, Minister from France to the United States. 1778-1783.
Copied from the originals in the Department of State at Washington; translated and printed in the 10th volume of the "Diplomatic Correspondence of the American Revolution."
- 91 LA SALLE. Papers relating to the Discoveries of Cavalier de la Salle in America.
Copied from the original manuscripts in the Public Offices of Paris. [Mr. Parkman has made great use of these papers.]

- 92 MONTMORIN. Correspondence between Count de MONTMORIN and Count de VERGENNES. 1778-82.
 Unbound MSS.

- 93 WALLENSTEIN. Sketches of a Diplomatic History of the American Revolution; by Jules de Wallenstein; and other Manuscripts.

These are the originals, given to me by M. de Wallenstein. He did not pursue the project of the History. M. de Wallenstein was for several years attached to the Russian Legation in the United States. He had previously been connected with the Russian Legation in Spain. After leaving the United States, he was Consul General from Russia in Brazil, and resided at Rio Janeiro.

1. Diplomatic History of the American Revolution. Written in 1830.

2. Causes and Principles of the Alliance between France and the United States, 1778.

A valuable paper.

3. Annals of the Insurrection of the Spanish Colonies and the Cotemporary History of the Mother Country.

In English; translated in 1826.

- 94 VOYAGE au Continent Américain par un Français en 1777, et Réflexions Philosophiques sur ces Nouveaux Républicains.

Copied from the original in the Bibliothèque du Roi, Paris, 1841.

III. SPANISH.

- 95 GRIMALDI, *etc.* Correspondence of the Marquis de GRIMALDI, Count de FLORIDABLANCA, and Count de ARANDA, during the American Revolution. 1776-82. 2 vols.

Copied from the originals in the Public Archives of Madrid, 1854. [In Spanish. The copies of Aranda, Vergennes, and the Marquis of Almadova, were procured through Guyanog, with the aid of Calderon de la Barca, and Buckingham Smith, then officially in Spain.]

- 96 SPANISH. GRIMALDI, *etc.* Correspondence of the Marquis de Grimaldi, Count d'Aranda, and Count de Floridablanca, during the American Revolution. 1776-80.

Copied from the originals in the Royal Archives of Simanca, in Spain, 1855.

"These, like the letters of Washington, were transcribed either from the letter books of their author, or the original drafts."

- 97 MIRALLES, *etc.* 1. Letters of Juan de MIRALLES, from Charleston, S. C., and Philadelphia, to the Governor of Havana, 1778-80.

The original Letters. Miralles died in Washington's camp at Morristown, Apr. 28, 1780.

2. Letters of Francisco RENDON from Philadelphia to the Governor of Havana, 1780.

Original Letters.

- 98 PAPELES varios de America. 17 vols.

A collection of original official papers relating to the affairs of those Spanish provinces in America which now belong to the United States, during the last quarter of the 18th century. The following list came from Spain with the papers:—

1. Correspondence of Rendon from Philadelphia, 1780-81. 2 vols.

2. One bundle of papers containing also letters of Rendon, consultas of the Consejo de Indias, copies of secret letters

from London, original letters from one Miralles employed by our government, and some papers relating to Cuba, and bearing on the commissions and instructions to Miralles. 1 vol.

3. Dispatches of the governors de los Provincias internas de Nuevo España, Tejas, Sonora, Cinaloa, California, Nuevo Mexico, &c., 1768-86. 6 vols.

4. One bundle of papers relating to the same provinces. 1 vol.

5. Papers relating to the provinces of Nicaragua, Honduras, Mosquitos, &c., 1743-78. 3 vols.

6. Papers relating to the proceedings to dislodge the English from the "Island of Roatan." 1 vol.

7. Papers relating to Guatemala y Yucatan, 1743-84. 2 vols.

8. Papers relating to Panama y Puerto Velo, 1751-97. 1 vol.

"With the purchase came a note from Spain, 'I have no doubt that the States of Texas and California would be glad to purchase these papers.' These papers do not strictly belong to the 'bound historical MSS.' Mr. Sparks received them like the others in packages or portfolios, but never had them bound. They are the sources of the History of our Spanish possessions, and no account of these countries can be complete without them; and his family prefer to consider them a part of this costly collection, which the wise research of so many years has accumulated."—s.

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99 PAPERS [in Spanish] relating to the Early Settlements of Louisiana. 1697-1764.

Copied from the originals in the public offices of Paris.

100 RENDON, etc. 1. Letters of Don Francisco RENDON, from Philadelphia, May 10-Dec. 30, 1780.

Translated from the originals by H. Ware, Sept. 1857.

2. Letters of Juan de MIRALLES, Feb. 13, 1778, to Jan. 30, 1779. Translated.

3. Extracts translated from the Historia del Reinado de Carlos III. en España, por A. FERRER DEL RIO.

4. Revista Española de Ambos Mundos, Mayo de 1855. Extract from the article El Conde Aranda.

5. Succinct Memoir of the Operations of Galvez in Louisiana and Florida, 1781-1782.

Translated from the Spanish. Unbound MSS.

101 SPANISH Operations in Louisiana, 1781-83.

Copied from a [Spanish] manuscript in the possession of M. Ternaux-Compans Paris, 1843.

102 SPANISH Papers. Feb. 2, 1777, to Feb. 6, 1778. Translation. — Letters of Count de ARANDA, and Count de FLORIDABLANCA, 1776-80. To the Count de Aranda, 1778.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

103 HOLLAND. Historische documenten betreffende de Amerikaansche zaken van de jaren 1775-83, afgeschreven naar de originalen in het Ryks Archief te 'sGravenhage. 7 vols.

In Dutch, with an English translation.

104 VERRAZZANO, Giovanni de. 1. Letter to the King of France, 1524.

Copied from the original Italian in the Magliabechian Library, in Florence. Procured by Mr. Edward Everett.

2. NEW SWEDEN. "Extrait historique sur la colonie Nova Suecia." By J. F. BAHR. Sent to Mr. Sparks from Sweden, 1835. With a map, and three letters to C. Hughes from J. F. Bahr, the first beginning, "Voici quelques notices. ramassées à la hâte, sur la colonie."

105 WARTON. Vita Iohannis Fabricii, Militis Angli, scripta Anno 1685.

Life of Captain John Smith, in Latin. Copied from the original in the Lambeth Library, London, at my request, 1833.

Among very many similar obligations, Mr. Sparks felt perhaps most deeply the many kindnesses of Lord Holland, the proofs of which did not cease with life, and his important services, in which Sir James Mackintosh took an almost equal share. Not less persevering was the interest of the Marquis of Lansdowne. Conspicuous among his good offices was the free offering of his family (the Shelburne) papers. Lord Brougham "insisted that in case I should find any difficulty in prosecuting my historical researches in London, I should apply to him, and he would aid me in any way in his power." "Throughout the whole business, I have received from Lord Normanby the greatest courtesy." The politeness of Sir Henry Ellis, and of Sir Francis Palgrave; the friendly deeds of Colonel Aspinwall, and Mr. Petty Vaughan, "who was never weary of doing good acts," — all were held in grateful remembrance. Our own ambassadors in France as in England, were true to the interests of American History. In Sir Robert Peel alone an obstacle was found. He was supposed to be "influenced by opposition to the wishes of Mr. Huskisson," whose active exertion was most obliging. A reference to Sir Geo. Murray overruled the difficulty. "I have the strongest reason to be gratified with the civilities and language of the Earl of Aberdeen" in the Foreign Office, where was the Oswald Correspondence, etc., etc.

In the British State Paper Office were found the New York and New Jersey Papers, "which had hitherto been overlooked, and are very valuable." Hence were derived other important MSS., and also from the Royal Institution, the Privy Council Office the Board of Trade, the British Museum, the Office of Journals and Papers, and many private collections. All was so arranged that Mr. Sparks was enabled to have copying continued in Europe, and to send for manuscripts for himself, and to point them out to others, naming hall, shelf, and page, during the years which followed his return to America.

At every point of his journey from Brussels through Bonn, Göttingen, Leipzig and Frankfort to Paris, he was fortunate. On his second visit, 1840, — that he might pursue researches commenced in 1828, — instructions were given for their continuation by the courtesy of M. Guizot, the Minister of Foreign Affairs at the French Court. This gentleman published about that time his translation of Mr. Sparks's "Life and Writings of Washington," introduced by a noble essay on the subject. In 1828, after three and a half months of labor, all the work of Mr. Sparks was taken from him by order of M. Rayneval, when all his friends, M. Ferronnays, La Fayette, le Comte d'Hauterive, Hyde de Neuville Ferussac, and the Marquis de Marbois, whose literary labors he had shared, had left Paris. Not allowed to copy, he at once began an abridgment of these MSS. in his own hand. "But the historical materials will amply reward me for the labor. . . . Should no ill luck befall them, they will one day become a tribute of great value to the History of the United States." In these

archives he afterwards found the letter of Franklin to the Count de Vergennes, describing the map on which he had marked with a strong red line the boundary of the United States, as fixed by the treaty, and here among the maps it was found, — a map almost as much opposed to American claims as was the map presented to George III. at the same time by the English Commissioners to those of Great Britain. "My researches were continued in the archives till I had examined all the papers relating to the United States, and taken notes and extracts of all that I deemed important." The MSS. relating to France and Spain were considered of a very delicate nature, and Mr. Sparks felt bound to restrain himself in selection where all, with this caution, were left to his discretion. He allowed none to be published, except so far as they supplied historical facts and illustrations. From the War Department there is a "curious" manuscript relating to Braddock's defeat, and the subsequent war in America. The very valuable papers relating to La Salle, Tonty, and Joliet, are chiefly from the Marine Department; and the Bibliothèque Royale furnished an original Journal of Iberville's voyages, a missionary's account of the Illinois Indians, 1693, "What Perreault saw during four years in Louisiana," and Bernard de la Harpe's voyage, 1718-22. Among other friends from whom he acknowledged much kind attention were M. Champollion, M. Jomard, M. Mignet, and M. de Tocqueville, in a part of whose work on America he was pleasantly associated. "Paris is the spot where more knowledge can be obtained on a given subject than any other." The valuable information owed to Lafayette, was conveyed, not only in person at Paris, and in the daily intercourse at La Grange (Journal), but in abundant manuscripts transmitted fully to America. "I can," said Lafayette, "conceive of no better employment for myself." A list of the French officers who served in America is derived from the kindness of Mr. Warden. The remarks are dictated by Lafayette.

The Depot de la Guerre was rich in details of the military affairs of America, and of the Canadian wars, containing the correspondence of Montcalm and papers relating to the mission of the Baron de Kalb. *But nowhere was found any paper sustaining the charges on the affair of Jumonville.*

During the tour of 1840, Mr. Sparks continued to select with laborious care, in France as in England, many important works for the University at Cambridge, whose fine collection was thus greatly enriched.

NOTE ON HOMER'S "BIBLIOTHECA AMERICANA." (See Catalogue, No. 1635a.) — A printed prospectus of this unpublished work Mr. Sparks found during his residence at Mount Vernon, among the papers of Washington. He could discover no clew to the MSS. until the year 1840, when, chiefly to examine it, he passed a week among the large collections of Sir Thomas Phillips, whose "liberal and generous hospitality" was not confined to the receptions in his own house. He was permitted to take the Manuscript to London, and have it copied Friday, 6th Nov., 1840. "There are five volumes, one of which appeared to have been his first sketch, and the other four the work as completed. In the whole they extend to about 1600 pages closely written, being a list of books relating to America, as far as he was able to find them, or their titles, alphabetically arranged according to the Authors' names, and the principal heads of the subjects of anonymous works, with references to the Libraries where they are to be found. Altogether it is a work of extraordinary labor and of great intrinsic value." "Mr. Homer was a fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford." "Examining Spanish Manuscripts, Miss Phillips has copied the full-length portrait of Montezuma, which I shall send to Mr. Prescott, with the titles of these papers and some account of their contents." He mentions the "draft of a bill for taking away the charters of all the proprietary and charter colonies 1687, never passed," and a similar report from the Board of Trade to Queen Anne.

NOTE ON ALCEDO'S "BIBLIOTHECA AMERICANA." (See Catalogue, No. 1635.) — It will be proper to call attention here to this work, and to add to the previous note that the anonymous titles are arranged in a supplement, and followed by an Index to the whole work.

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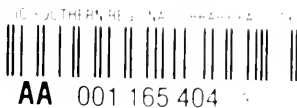
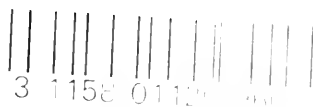
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